



## Speed

Crash magnets DVD Programme 4 follow up. Speed quotes.  
*'For some people speed is exciting'* Prof. Stradling.

Put a tick beside the quotes you agree with.



**“Going fast is quite good but sometimes it’s quite dangerous.”**

“You do get a bit of a thrill, feeling that you’re in the driving seat and you can make the car do that. It’s just something that you can do – it’s like, you have the power to do that.”

**“People just kind of muck about a bit, maybe speed a little, not speed too much but just drive a bit over the limit, because, I don’t know, they think it’s cool.”**

“And if your listening to music, I don’t know, it’s just excitement basically.”

**“Speed is great in its rightful place really. I don’t have a problem with speed in the right area. If there’s long straights or motor ways there’s no problem, I mean, I wouldn’t speed in town there is no point in it really. It’s just dangerous.”**

“I love going fast in the car. My boyfriend has his own car. He goes fast and I trust him, but if it was someone I didn’t know I’d be a bit wary. I’d probably ask them to slow down.”

**“It’s fun and it’s thrilling but obviously you are risking your own life if you are going to speed up and down a road at 50-60 miles an hour. It’s a danger to other lives as well as your own.”**

“I do tell him to slow down a bit - he does now and again but sometimes he likes to show off”

**“I have never been in a crash but I’ve been in a car when someone is driving really fast and it has been quite scary, but, you don’t want to say ‘Look slow down’ because you feel quite intimidated by the other people in the car because they might think that you are stupid or something.”**

“Say you’re in a car ,OK, and you are driving with your boyfriend or whatever and you know he’s racing about 60 or 70 miles an hour in a 40 mile an hour road. You just tell him to slow down just to make sure that everything is basically OK.”



1. How do you stay safe if the driver is speeding?

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2. What kind of music encourages drivers to speed?

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3. Why does speed feel different when you’re a passenger compared with being the driver?

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4. Some people don’t feel stupid about asking the driver to slow down, why is that?

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**“I don’t think it is such a serious issue like people going about 4 or 5 miles over the limit, I don’t think it’s such a big deal. But, when you have got people who are going like 100 miles an hour down the motorway, there’s problems there.”**

“On the motorways I think they should be up maybe to 80 because most people can handle their cars and the motorways aren’t very twisty turny or anything.”

**“If they are going to increase or decrease the limit then there is not much point because people are still going to speed. It’s a bit like drugs. People are still going to do it. It’s not going to stop if they increase or decrease the limit.”**

“What’s the limit? That is the question. You need to drive to the limit. But if you are driving faster than the limit, you have to ask yourself ‘Why?’ Fair enough if you are an ambulance driver, policeman or a fireman you have got your reasons.”

**“You’ve got to stick to the limits as the driving instructor first said you know. Speed limit – it is not a target, it’s just a limit, you don’t have to reach it every time. Especially on the roads around here, you have a lot of sort of windy roads so a lot of the time you are never reaching the speed limit.”**

“I think speeding is just ridiculous. I think the limits are there for a reason. You go to a certain limit, there is no reason to go any faster. You are supposed to leave the house when you know you’ve got time to get there.”



### Speed limits raise a number of different issues.

1. Should the government increase or reduce the speed limit on motorways? If so to what?

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2. Are governments afraid of losing votes by altering the speed limit on motorways?

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3. Why do car manufacturers design cars to go at 155 miles an hour when the limit, in this country is 70mph?

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4. How could government influence the car industry?

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5. There are no medals for law abiding drivers, who don’t exceed the speed limit, but how are they rewarded in other ways?

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